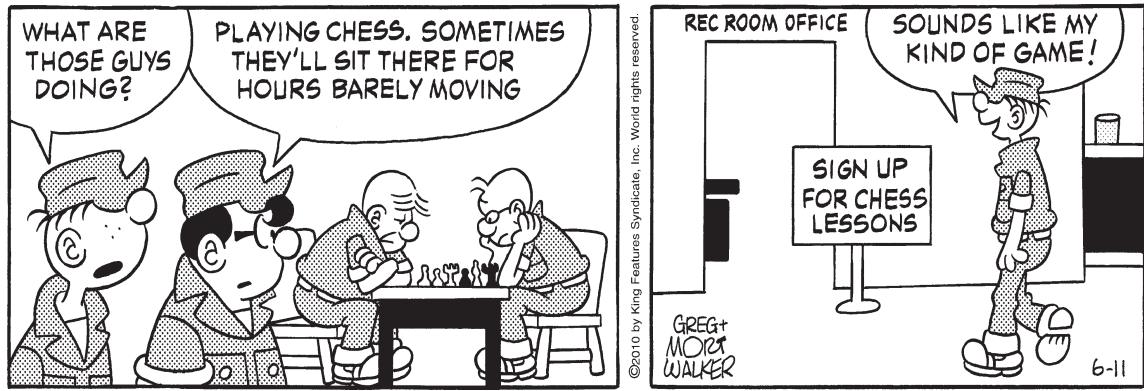


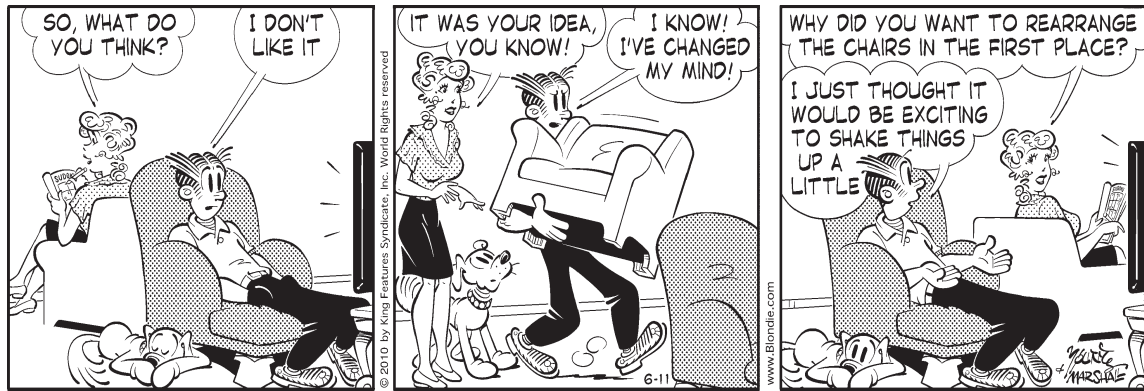
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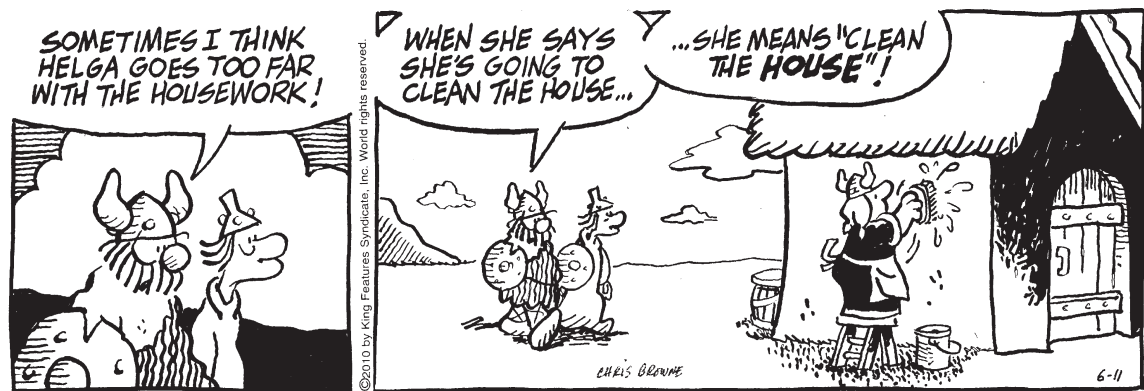
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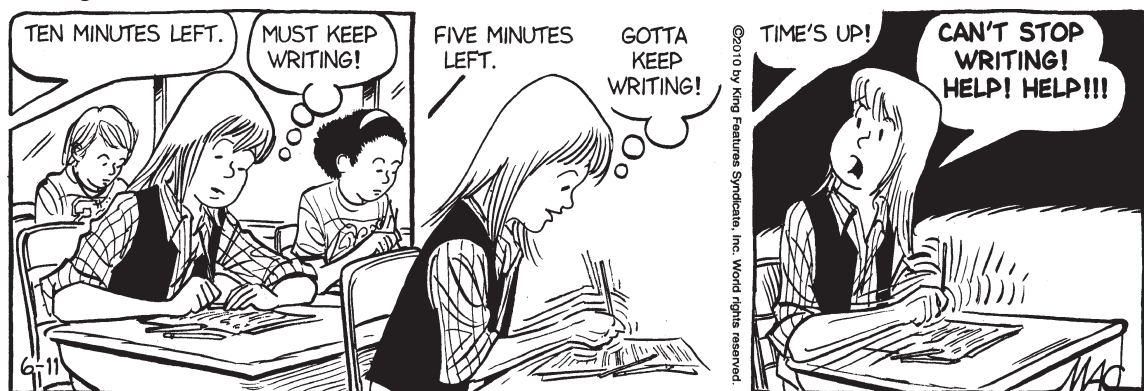
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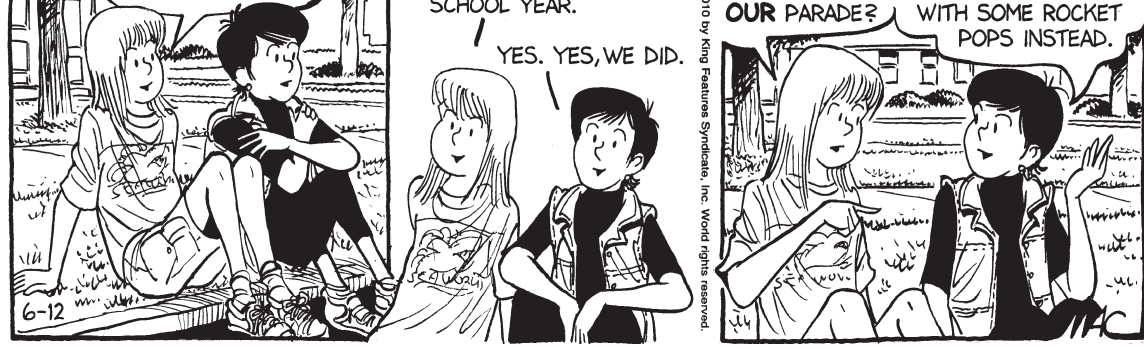
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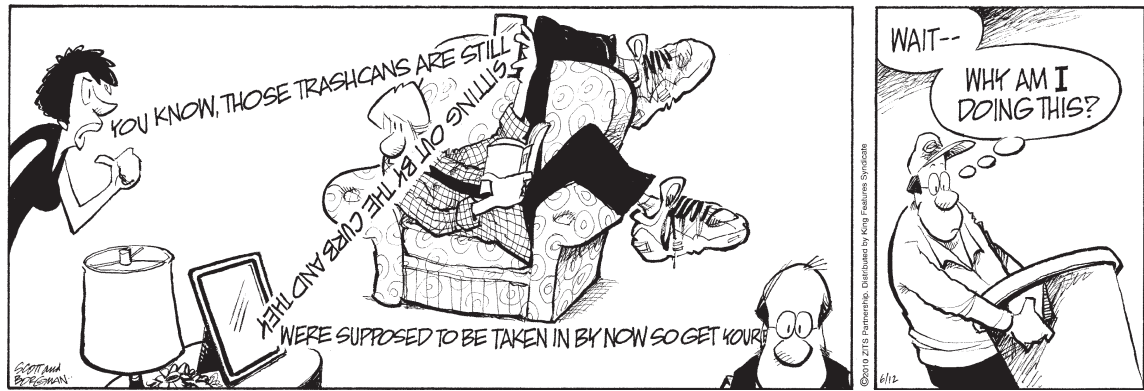
Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Hints help grow great lawn

Dear Readers: How does your lawn look? Here are some helpful hints for MAINTAINING A HEALTHY LAWN.

When watering the lawn, give it a good soaking. Watering for too short a time or not using enough water leads to shallow, weaker roots.

Before mowing, look at the lawn to check for disease. Patches that are darker, droopy, wilted, bald or brown can signal that there may be disease.

The lawn does go through cycles to protect it from drought and excessive heat. This is normal, and one reason that the lawn might be brown.

Sharpen your lawn-mower blades once a year; dull blades don't cut the grass well!

If you have specific questions about your lawn, contact a plant nursery, cooperative extension service or your local university's plant-pathology department.

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: I was cutting down my travel file and discovered that many of the road maps I had didn't have a date on the front of them, especially those from hotel chains.

LETTER OF LAUGHTER

Dear Heloise: I worked in a veterinarian clinic for many years, and the doctor never had time to drink coffee. Then he took in a partner, and the first thing he did was buy a coffee maker, and I learned to make coffee.

After a while, the coffeepot became clogged with mineral deposits, and I decided to clean it with vinegar. Well, apparently I didn't get it rinsed out, and when the vet took a drink, he spit it out.

I love vinegar, but vinegary coffee is not on my "tasty" list! Vinegar is fabulous for so many things. For lots of other money-saving, easy-to-make cleaning solutions you might want to look at, send for my six-page Fantabulous Vinegar Hints and More pamphlet.

STUBBORN CORKS

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint for those stubborn, tiny corks that are used to plug up shakers for salt and pepper. Often the corks dry up and shrink or get pushed into the shaker so far that it's impossible to get them out.

Bridge • Steve Becker

- 1. The probability of being dealt a hand containing a five-card or longer suit is: A. 75 percent B. 65 percent C. 55 percent D. 45 percent

- 2. The probability of being dealt at least one ace is: A. 25 percent B. 50 percent C. 60 percent D. 70 percent

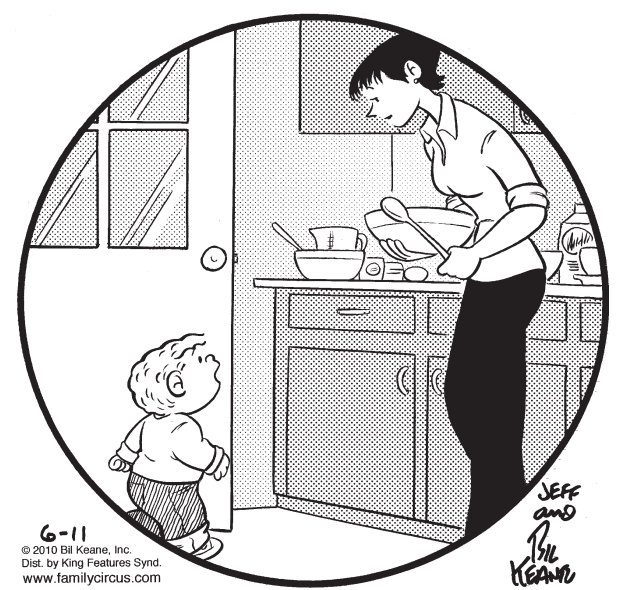
- 3. You are declarer in a notrump contract and hold A-Q-J-9 of a suit in which dummy has a low singleton. To make the contract, you must take three tricks in the suit.

- 4. When you and dummy together hold 10 cards of a suit, the probability of finding the missing cards divided 2-1 is: A. 90 percent B. 78 percent C. 67 percent D. 50 percent

Multiple Choice

1. B. A player is dealt 4-4-3-2 distribution 21.6 percent of the time; 4-3-3-3 10.5 percent of the time; 4-4-4-1 3 percent of the time. That covers about 35 percent of all deals.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy, if you don't wanna bake a cake, I'd be OK with a pie instead."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 and difficulty level stars

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

Small Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9

Cryptoquip

N D F A R X P F Z X B O R T O R " U ' P H D F X A F H X Z S T P F , " N X E S B O X E I F K F I H X H D T H

R H T H F P F A H T R T K T E S H S U A F ? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE IS URGED TO PLAY A TWO-OF-A-KIND IN A POKER GAME, WOULD YOU SAY IT'S PAIR PRESSURE?

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Type measures, 4 Corroded, 7 Went sledding, maybe, 12 Cowboy's sweetie, 13 Peregrinate, 14 Ultraviolet filter, 15 Serengeti critter, 16 Congratulates with a slap, 18 Novelist Radcliffe, 19 Anticipate, 20 Tatters, 22 Exist, 23 Willy Wonka's creator, 27 Have, 29 Fairway shots, 31 Isaac Newton's inspiration, 34 Fix a text, 35 Onions' kin, 37 First lady, 38 Prong, 39 Fuss, 41 Crooned "All My Children" role, 47 Hide-hair link, 48 Cat's stat, 52 G-man's org., 53 Scent, 54 Indivisible, 55 Poorly, 56 Started, 57 Afternoon social, 58 Aviv preceder, DOWN: 1 Actress Samantha, 2 Food from heaven, 3 Threw, in a way, 4 Turkish title, 5 Formosa's other name, 6 Bergen or Buchanan, 7 Hay storage area, 8 9mm submachine gun, 9 Head of st., 10 Compass dir., 11 — Moines, 17 Wasted no time, 21 Figure out, 23 Thin coins, 24 Rd., 25 Coop occupant, 26 Leary's drug, 28 Tiny, 30 Cleric's title, 31 Performance, 32 — Beta, 33 Wrestling win, 36 Rani's wrap, 37 Of a Tertiary epoch, 40 Duffer's digging, 42 Not suited (for), 43 Aristocratic, 44 Barbecue surface, 45 Verve, 46 On an ocean liner, maybe, 48 Apprehend, 49 Rage, 50 Yule yaff, 51 Ostrich's cousin

